Employees in the Stamp Manufactory.

107 ❋ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of employees in the Stamp Manufacturing Department ; and

(*b*) of these, how many are Muslims and how many non-Muslims?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 48.

(*b*) Muslims Nil.

Non-muslims— 48.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Out of these 48 persons, may I know the reason why not even one Muslim at least is appointed ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I understand there have been no applications from Muslims for posts in this office.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Out of these 48, will the Government be pleased to give one post at least to a Vellala ?

PRESIDENT : Questions of that nature are not at all permissible as supplementary questions. It is not eliciting information, but it is making a suggestion.

The Kuruppumthara Rape case.

108 ❋**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the decision in the Kuruppumthara Rape Case passed by the Kottayam Sessions Judge ;

(*b*) the names of the Police Officers who were deputed for prosecuting this case before the committing Magistrate ;

(*c*) the names of the defence Vakils engaged by the accused or appointed by the Sessions Judge to defend the accused before the Sessions Judge ; and

(*d*) whether the Government or the Police Department has taken any action for preferring a criminal revision petition or appea from the decision of the Sessions Judge ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Prosecuting Inspector, Mr. M. M. George, assisted by Head Constable, Madhavan Nair (No. 1010).

(*c*) Mr. Thomas Varghese, retired Sirkar Vakil, appointed by the Sessions Judge.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government whether Mr. Thomas Varghese referred to in the answer is a pensioned Sirkar Vakil ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether it is a correct procedure for a pensioned officer to appear against the Government ?

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